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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The patent term extension is 0 days. Any patent to issue from the above identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/512,914	BUCH ET AL.
	Examiner Shaojia A. Jiang	Art Unit 1617

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to October 25, 2001, November 15, 2001 and March 6, 2002.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 185-196.
- The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - All
 - Some*
 - None
 of the:
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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 - The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
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Minna Moezie
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Reasons For Allowance

Claims 185-196 have been examined on the merits herein.

The claimed methods for treating combined hypertension and hyperlipidemia in a mammal comprising administering amlodipine and atorvastatin together in a single pharmaceutical composition is not seen to be taught or fairly suggested by the prior art. Applicant's amendment submitted October 25, 2001 (Paper No. 11) which cancels claims 102-105, 107-108, 110-111, 113-114, and 116-117, and Applicant's secondary supplemental amendment submitted March 6, 2002 (Paper No. 14) which cancels claims 1-3, 84-101, 106, 109, 112, 115, and 118-184, and submits new claims 185-196 which limit the method herein to the administration of amlodipine and atorvastatin together in a single pharmaceutical composition in methods of treating combined hypertension and hyperlipidemia in a mammal, have been considered and are sufficient to remove the prior art rejections of claims 99-108 and 121-138 made under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Messerli and Nawrocki et al. in view of Sever et al. of record in the Office Action dated April 25, 2001 as discussed below.

The newly submitted claims 185-196 are limited to administration of amlodipine and atorvastatin together in a single pharmaceutical composition in methods for treating combined hypertension and hyperlipidemia in a mammal. Therefore, the claimed methods are not seen to be anticipated by the prior art, i.e., Messerli or Nawrocki (of record herein), under 35 U.S.C. 102 based on an inherency rationale, or to be obvious over Messerli, Nawrocki, and Sever et al. for the following reasons.

Messerli discloses that the calcium antagonists including amlodipine, were administered separately with the particular statin, pravastatin, in the trials for Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT). Messerli does not teach the combination of amlodipine and atorvastatin in a single pharmaceutical composition in claimed methods herein.

Nawrocki et al. discloses that the particular HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, atorvastatin, is useful in a method of the treatment of hyperlipidemia. Again, Nawrocki et al. does not teach the combination of amlodipine and atorvastatin in a single pharmaceutical composition in claimed methods herein.

Therefore, newly submitted claims 185-196 is not seen to be obvious over the cited prior art.

Applicant discusses in the remarks in Paper No. 11 submitted October 25, 2001 at page 6-10 and in Paper No. 13 submitted November 15, 2001 at page 5-6 that the atorvastatin clinical trials by Warner-Lambert raise the possibility that, by chance and not by design, some of the patients may have taken amlodipine to treat their hypertension while they were participating in the clinical trials on atorvastatin.

Applicant's newly submitted claims 185-196 limited to administration of a single pharmaceutical composition containing amlodipine and atorvastatin are deemed to distinguish over the possible prior art arising from the Warner-Lambert trials for atorvastatin.

Therefore, Applicant's amendment submitted October 25, 2001 (Paper No. 11) which cancels claims 102-105, 107-108, 110-111, 113-114, and 116-117, and

Applicant's secondary supplemental amendment submitted March 6, 2002 (Paper No. 14) are sufficient to remove all prior art rejections made in the prior Office Action.

Further, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of 99-108 and 121-138 as being unpatentable over claims 90-97 and 107-118 of copending Application No. 09/513,889 of record in the Office Action dated April 25, 2001 is withdrawn since Application No. 09/513,889 has been abandoned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jiang, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minna Moezie, J.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-1235.

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March 6, 2002


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